

January 26, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The antitrust suit against Microsoft has gone on long enough, and I would like to see this whole issue end on a positive note. I feel that the settlement that has been reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is as fair as it is going to get, even though the terms go a little far in imposing restrictions and obligations on Microsoft.

What we have had here is the federal government punishing success. Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend beyond what was at issue in the initial settlement, and have done so in order to get this over with. They have actually agreed to give their competitors code and design information that composes the Windows operating system. This enables the competition to produce software and install in within Windows, and Microsoft can do nothing about it. Enough is enough.

The settlement is reasonable enough; please approve it as soon as possible.
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Igor Alexeff